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For: Inflatable Heating Device

## SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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SIR:

This paper is presented in supplementation of the Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003. The Applicant previously submitted amended claims and response by communication mailed April 9, 2004 and entered in corrected form on June 7, 2004. The Applicant and Examiner also conducted a telephone interview on June 4, 2004.

The Applicant appreciates the courtesy of the Examiner and, although not conceding agreement with the Examiner's position, believes the additional claims submitted herewith, along with the accompanying remarks, will place elements of the claimed invention in order for allowance. Consideration of the Applicant's remarks and additional claims is now requested.